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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 4, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The copy of the response filed November 5, 2001, which copy was filed via fax on March 4, 2002, does not include a statement that this submission is a duplicate of the response filed November 5, 2001. Applicant must submit such a statement for the response to be considered timely. To correct this matter, applicant should submit a letter stating that the response sent via fax on March 4, 2002 is a duplicate of the response filed November 5, 2001. To expedite matters, it is suggested to fax such a letter to the fax number for formal papers listed below (it is not necessary to submit another copy of the response). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Additionally, it is noted that applicant inaccurately listed the serial number on the response as 09/659,056. It should read 09/659,046, and it is requested to make any corrections necessary in subsequent responses regarding this application.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3590; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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